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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: William Michael Lafferty Art Unit: 1634  
Application No.: 09/894,956 Examiner: B.J. Forman  
Filed: June 27, 2001 Confirmation No.: 7268  
Title: CAPILLARY ARRAY-BASED SAMPLE SCREENING

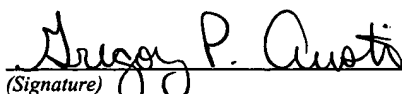
MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application please find:

1. Preliminary Amendment (13 pgs.) and
2. Return Receipt Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail on this date, <b>August 12, 2004</b> , in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
Gregory P. Austin (Name of Person Mailing Paper)	
 (Signature)	<b>August 12, 2004</b> (Date)

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Applicant claims **SMALL ENTITY** status in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27, a verified statement claiming small entity status is not required.


The Fee for this Response is calculated as follows:

For	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	11	43	0	x \$09	x \$18	\$0
Independent Claims	1	9	0	x \$43	x \$86	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s)	N/A			\$145	\$290	\$0
					TOTAL FEE	\$0

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this paper. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 12, 2004

  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed February 5, 2004, a Request for Continued Prosecution was filed herein on July 16, 2004. The amendments presented in the Response filed February 5, 2004 having now been entered, please consider the following remarks prior to examination of the application pursuant to the Request for Continued Prosecution.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page two of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page four of this paper.

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